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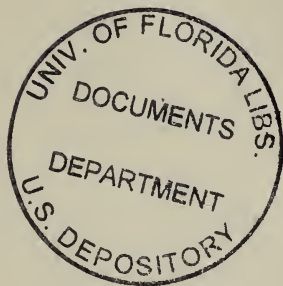
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Biography

WILSON DARWIN GILLETTE was born on a farm in Sheshequin Township, Bradford County, Pa., July 1, 1880; attended the public schools, Ulster (Pa.) High School, and graduated from Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, Towanda, Pa.; worked for his father on the home farm for four years; clerked in a general store in Athens, Pa., until 1908 and then went into the livery business in Towanda, Pa.; dealer and distributor of automobiles, Towanda, Pa., from 1913 until elected to Congress; member of the State house of representatives 1930-41; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Albert G. Rutherford; reelected to the Seventy-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from November 4, 1941, until his death in Towanda, Pa., August 7, 1951; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

In the House of Representatives

THURSDAY, February 28, 1952.

Mr. REGAN. Mr. Speaker, I present a resolution (H. Res. 543) covering memorial services in the House to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 1952, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, May 14, 1952, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provision of clause (1) (j) (2) (C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave for 60 legislative days to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record on the life, character, and public service of deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11: 30 to 12)

United States Navy Orchestra

Presiding officer-----The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation-----The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

Quartet, Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Stebbins)

Hon. J. Frank Wilson

Hon. Prince Preston

Hon. Oren Harris

Hon. J. Percy Priest

At the piano-----Hon. Frances P. Bolton

Representative from the State of Ohio

Scripture reading and prayer-----The Chaplain

Roll of Deceased Members_The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Rose Ritual-----Hon. Reva Beck Bosone

Representative from the State of Utah

Devotional silence.

Address-----Hon. Omar Burleson

Representative from the State of Texas

Quartet, Beautiful River (Lowry)-----Congressional Quartet

Address-----Hon. Carl T. Curtis

Representative from the State of Nebraska

Taps-----Francis Stevens, musician, United States Navy

Echo-----Frank Tiffany, musician first class, United States Navy

Benediction-----The Chaplain

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Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 1952.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Almighty God, who has revealed Thyself as man's unfailing friend, his everpresent help and everlasting hope, we pray that in this hour of sacred memory we may enter into a blessed communion with Thy spirit and with the spirit of all who are dwelling in Thy nearer presence and upon whom Thou hast bestowed the benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Hon. J. Frank Wilson, Hon. Prince Preston, Hon. Oren Harris, and Hon. J. Percy Priest sang *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*, by Stebbins.

Hon. Frances P. Bolton, a Representative from the State of Ohio, accompanied at the piano.

The CHAPLAIN. The Old Testament Scripture readings are selections from the Ninetieth and the One Hundred and Third Psalms:

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

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Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The New Testament readings are taken from the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John where we have these gracious words which come from the lips of our blessed Lord:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The following poem written by Nancy Byrd Turner is a beautiful commentary on the teachings of the Scriptures:

“Death is only an old door
Set in a garden wall;
On quiet hinges it gives at dusk,
When the thrushes call.

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“Along the lintel are green leaves,
Beyond the light lies still;
Very weary and willing feet
Go over that sill.

“There is nothing to trouble any heart,
Nothing to hurt at all;
Death is only an old door
In a garden wall.”

Let us pray:

Most merciful and gracious God, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return, we rejoice that through Thy holy word Thou hast spoken unto us.

We thank Thee that when earthly and human lights are extinguished by adversity and affliction, by sorrow and bereavement, then Thy divinely inspired word, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, shines with a deeper and steadier glow and we are strengthened to carry on courageously and hopefully.

Grant that in our times of loneliness, when the struggle of life seems so difficult and the burdens so heavy, we may not turn our eyes upon the ground whence no help can come but may we turn them heavenward and unto Thee.

We praise Thee for the life and character of Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little upon the earth and who are now with Thee in eternal blessedness, having received the reward of their faith and fidelity, even the salvation of their souls.

We have not said “farewell” unto them but only “good night,” confident that some day, by Thy grace, we shall again dwell with them in hallowed union in that land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

We pray that, as we continue our earthly pilgrimage, we may live out each day in faith and in faithfulness, availing

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ourselves of the companionship of our blessed Lord, who will abide with us throughout life and eternity.

Hear us in the name of the Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Lyle O. Snader, assistant reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

KENNETH SPICER WHERRY, a Senator from the State of Nebraska: Born February 28, 1892; graduated, University of Nebraska; attended Harvard University; served in United States Navy Flying Corps, 1917-18; admitted to the bar and practiced law in Pawnee City; member of the city council; mayor of Pawnee City; served in Nebraska State Senate; Republican State chairman, 1939-42; western director, Republican National Committee, 1941-42; elected to the United States Senate in 1942; reelected to the Senate in 1948; died November 29, 1951.

WILSON DARWIN GILLETTE, Fourteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania: Born July 1, 1880; attended high school in Ulster; agricultural pursuits, merchandising, and automobile distributor; member of Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, 1930-41; Member of the Seventy-seventh Congress and each succeeding Congress until his death, August 7, 1951.

FRANK FELLOWS, Third Congressional District of Maine: Born November 7, 1889; attended public schools, the East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport, and the University of Maine at Orono; graduated from University of Maine Law School; admitted to the bar in 1911; clerk of the United States District Court of Maine, 1917-20; practiced law in Bangor; Member of the Seventy-seventh Congress and the five succeeding Congresses; died August 27, 1951.

ALBERT CLINTON VAUGHN, Eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania: Born October 9, 1894; educated in public schools of Whitehall Township; graduate of Whitehall High School and Allentown Business College; veteran of First World War; member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; secretary and sales representative; congressional secretary; Member of the Eighty-second Congress; died September 1, 1951.

KARL STEFAN, Third Congressional District of Nebraska: Born March 1, 1884; attended public schools in Omaha and YMCA night school; engaged successively as telegraph operator, news writer, reporter, city editor, and radio-news commentator; entered busi-

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ness; served in telegraph division, Philippine Constabulary, 1904-06; private in Illinois National Guard; lieutenant in Nebraska National Guard; radio-code instructor, First World War; Member of the Seventy-fourth Congress and the eight succeeding Congresses; died October 2, 1951.

JOHN ALBERT WHITAKER, Second Congressional District of Kentucky: Born October 31, 1901; attended public schools, Bethel College at Russellville, and the University of Kentucky at Lexington; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1926 and commenced practice in Russellville; county attorney of Logan County, 1928-48; delegate to all State conventions since 1924; Member of the Eightieth Congress and the two succeeding Congresses; died December 15, 1951.

WILLIAM THOMAS BYRNE, Thirty-second Congressional District of New York: Born March 6, 1876; attended public schools; graduated from Albany Law School, Union College in 1904; admitted to the bar that year and commenced practice in Albany; member of the State senate, 1923-37; Member of the Seventy-fifth Congress and the seven succeeding Congresses; died January 27, 1952.

GEORGE BLAINE SCHWABE, First Congressional District of Oklahoma: Born in Missouri July 26, 1886; attended high school at Sedalia; graduated in law from the University of Missouri in 1910; practiced law at Nowata and Tulsa; mayor of Nowata, 1913-14; member of Nowata Board of Education for 5 years; member of Oklahoma State Legislature; chairman of Republican County Committee of Tulsa County; delegate to Republican National Convention, 1936; Member of the Seventy-ninth, Eightieth, and Eighty-second Congresses; died April 2, 1952.

REID FRED MURRAY, Seventh Congressional District of Wisconsin: Born October 16, 1887, in Ogdensburg, Wis.; attended public schools; graduate of College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin; agricultural agent for railroads in St. Paul, Minn., 1914-17, for Winnebago County, Wis., 1917-19, and for the First National Bank, Oshkosh, 1919-22; professor of animal husbandry, College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, 1922-27; owner, Waupaca Cattle Credit Co.; farmer; dealer in cattle and farms in Waupaca, 1927-39; Member of the Seventy-sixth Congress and the six succeeding Congresses; died April 29, 1952.

Hon. **REVA BECK BOSONE**, a Representative from the State of Utah, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum and assisted by Page James Lee Shirley, placed a memorial

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rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Burleson].

Hon. OMAR BURLESON, a Representative from the State of Texas, delivered the following address:

Mr. BURLESON. Mr. Speaker, in these moments of reflection, dedicated to the memory of our departed colleagues, may the din of clamorous and clamant voices in our ears be hushed and may we hear the still small voice of the Eternal Spirit. May we lift our eyes to the eternal verities and be reminded by the pained absence of our beloved associates of former days, that time in this chaotic world is but for a fleeting instant and that soon we shall join them in that great and perfect democracy of death.

If the lives of those whose memory we honor on this occasion should not give us courage and inspiration, they would have failed. But they did not fail. Knowing each of them rather intimately, as we did, we saw their faithfulness, their devotion, and deep sincerity of purpose. With these virtues go unselfishness and humbleness.

Yes, of course, we remember the goodness—the inner worth of men and women—whose lives have touched us and whose influence remains fresh in our hearts and minds. Unlike Shakespeare's Mark Antony, we do not believe that "the evil men do lives after them—the good is oft interred with their bones." Faith in God and brotherly love teach us otherwise.

Often on the floor of this House, in the heat of debate, we may display temper, forces of argument, and demeanor we think necessary to the advantage of our point. Our words

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sometimes carry a sting and may even become vehement, but, underneath it all, no group of men can be found anywhere on earth who has, as a body, a deeper sincerity to serve or a greater devotion to duty. Neither is there to be found greater humbleness, for we are forced to realize the tremendous responsibilities and the huge tasks constantly before us and that immeasurable trust and confidence has been placed in us. Surely, those who may have the greatest confidence in their own abilities must feel that wisdom alone is insufficient—that only by divine guidance can our beloved Nation be brought through the perilous shadows which hang over it.

To me, the vanities of man, his egotism and self-righteousness are about the greatest of all afflictions, and the antithesis to these consuming evils is humbleness and devoutness—these are the flowers in the garden of memory of our beloved colleagues.

No lovelier example of humble and devout service can be found than that portrayed by the Christ when, meeting with His disciples in the home of Mark, He washed His disciples' feet. You will recall that there was a warm and even heated argument in progress among the 12 as to whom should be the greatest in the kingdom. The concept of a heavenly kingdom had not settled upon them and they were contending with one another as to which of them would hold the more prominent position in what they believed to be an earthly organization. How understandably human? Into the midst of this argument, the Lord came, and, hearing it, He girded himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

You will recall the custom—eating at the long, low tables—kneeling, or reclining upon their elbows. It was customary that they remove their shoes at the door and that they wash their feet before dining. The Christ entered the room and hearing dissension among his close friends, He poured water into a vessel, and took a towel and performed a lowly and humiliating service. He washed their feet. Can we hear

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now the tinkle of the water in that basin as Jesus prepared to do this humble act? He did not rebuke them nor did He even explain their error of misconception. The Master did that for them which they were too proud to do for themselves in the presence of one another. They seemed to have a fear that such an act would reflect on their dignity. The vanity of man. But the Jesus took water and a towel and washed His disciples' feet.

Another beautiful story of humbleness and devoutness occurred in the village of Bethany where Simon, the leper, lived. And while he was close to the Master, as the scripture records, there came an unbidden guest. It was a woman. The only characterization we have of her is that she was a sinner, and beyond that, we know nothing.

What she was like, we do not know. We do not know what she wore, what her attitude appeared to be, nor the expression of her eyes. We do not know whether her voice was harsh or whether it was soft and melodious. The record simply says "she was a sinner."

She came to where the Master was visiting with the lepers. There were no press conferences, no press releases, no society columns and no speeches. The record simply says that she came.

How simple it all appears. She brought with her an alabaster box of precious ointment. She stood behind the Man of Galilee who was doubtless sitting or kneeling at his repast, as was the custom. It was the posture of humility. She washed His feet with her tears. She dried them with her tresses, and then from the alabaster box, she took the precious ointment and anointed Him. Today we would probably call the ointment perfume.

There was no conversation; there was no record; there were no remarks to be examined. We only have this simple and humble record of her ministration.

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The disciples were there. The Holy Word says they were indignant, and we can all imagine that scene. We can particularly imagine Peter who must have been there frowning. You know he was such a sturdy, forthright, and practical soul. The anointing of the Master with precious ointment offended the practical sense of all the disciples. Quickly they translated it into an equation of their own. This ointment might be worth money, and the money could be used for alms and for charity, they said. How familiar these discussions are to us. We debate most every legislative day, in some form or other, fiscal and money matters of the Nation. We are constantly dealing with the great issues involved in the spending of these huge sums. We question methods; we examine the philosophies; we seek the practical; and many times we find it extremely difficult to be certain that we are right, even after we reach definite conclusions.

The Master must have listened to the argument, and then, with simplicity and logic, which is like majesty itself, He suddenly said, "Why trouble ye this woman? She hath wrought a good work upon me."

How simple, how compelling, and how persuasive that must have been. He simply said, "She hath wrought a good work upon me." A little later He said the things which have such an appeal on this memorial occasion. Very simply He said that what this woman hath done would be as a memorial unto her wherever the Gospel might be preached.

This is the unadorned story of a kindly deed—a very humble service—and there is the promise that it would be a memorial and would reecho down the corridors of time until the end of earth as a memorial to an obscure, unnamed woman.

As we think of our beloved colleagues on this occasion, we can imagine that they, too, brought with their endeavors in the Congress of the United States an alabaster box of precious ointment consisting of their devotion, their love, their af-

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fection, and abiding desire to serve their Nation, their State, their district, and their fellow man.

They brought with them the perfume of humble service, and these are the things which will live to adorn and to enshrine their memories.

The speeches which we make so quickly die upon the vespers of the breeze. The votes on which we and they are recorded will soon be forgotten. It is the human and kindly little things which are unheralded and unacclaimed, which will long be remembered on the tablets of the mind and the heart.

These little things which seem unimportant to us in the hurly-burly of a controversial atmosphere, will long be remembered by many people who were the recipients of some deed—who were the benefactors of some service by these, our departed friends.

Their actions were so intensely objective because they were rendered to people, to us, to country, to humble folks who looked upon them as their liaison agents of the Government.

Mr. Speaker, as all of you will, of course, understand, so very many of the myriad duties which we perform do not draw the headlines nor do they receive immediate acclaim. We know that the greater part of our work is done behind scenes—in the committees, in the conferences, and in the office—which require long and tedious hours of effort. It is here that the real work of the Congress of the United States is performed. It is not all spotlight. It is not all in the forefront nor does it make good publicity, but it is that day-to-day routine of duty—over and over again—probing and trying to bring about the type of legislation which is beneficial to the people whom we represent and to the world in which we live.

Yes, there was objectivity about their services here, and it so well illustrates that simple but compelling sentiment which the Master uttered when he said, "She hath wrought a good

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work upon me." And in humble service, may we hear again the pouring of water into the basin and in our imagination see the Lord Jesus washing the feet of His disciples.

These, our departed ones, wrought a good work upon us, upon their kinsmen, and upon their constituency, upon their country and the world. They wrought a good work, and it will be remembered.

What builds the Nation's pillars high
And its foundation strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?
Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong—
Men who for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long—
Free men who work while others sleep
Who dare while others fly—
They build a Nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

Mr. Speaker, is it not possible that we, too, all of us, come here with an alabaster box of precious ointment, made up of the talents with which we have been endowed—the love we have for one another and our fellow men, the interest which we have in world affairs and the devotion which we entertain for this, our blessed country—to be used for the enhancement and progress of our Nation and the bringing of peace of mind and tranquillity of soul to a restless and troubled world?

This talent, if it be that, we can use, if we will, to soften the asperities and severities of life—to modify the hates with which we are often confronted, and to soften our own conduct, that it will be as a great spiritual wave and moral force for the Nation and for the world. As we use it freely and diligently, we cannot help but spill the precious and fragrant ointment of our own talents upon our colleagues and all those with whom we come in contact.

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As we ponder and reflect upon the personalities of these, our beloved, who have gone to join the throngs of the immortal, may we emulate the best that was in them and use the best which is in us to the end that we may wisely guide the destinies of our Nation and that it may be said, to whatever degree deserving, "we have wrought a good work."

I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled some needed post,
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With something more than idle talk and boast,
That I had taken gifts divine,
The breadth of life and manhood fine.
And tried to use them now and then
In good deeds toward my fellow men.
But I'd hate to think when life is through
That I had lived my round of years
A useless kind that leaves behind
No record in this vale of tears;
That I had wasted all my days
In treading only selfish ways.
And that the world would remain the same
If it had never known my name.
I'd like to think that here and there
When I am gone there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed had I lived only for gain;
That someone's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I have been worth while;
That I have paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine.

Mr. Speaker, as we survey the contemporary scene, is there anything so important as a restoration of common purpose—of domestic tranquillity and peace in the world? All this we may do in the happy labor in the cause of an ideal which we call the American creed.

My friends, in this blessed communion with our own, in sweet remembrance, we lay upon their lingering personalities the memorial of the living to the dead.

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The Congressional Quartet sang Beautiful River by Lowry, accompanied at the piano by Hon. Frances P. Bolton, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Curtis].

Hon. CARL T. CURTIS, a Representative from the State of Nebraska, delivered the following address:

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, we are assembled in memory of our departed colleagues. They were noble men. They possessed good names that were better than precious oil. The good that they have done will live for all time. We pay tribute to them not because they need our praise; but because we need the inspiration derived from meditation upon their lives and achievements. Our lives are richer and have more meaning because of them.

It is said that these colleagues are dead. The question— if a man die will he live again has been asked down through the ages. Countless people have asked that question. The sages and philosophers have recorded their version of the query along with the answers made to it.

There has always been within man a hope, a longing, and a thirst for a life that would be endless. An examination of everything about us justifies that hope and that longing. The whole scheme of things in the universe tells us that that thirst for life will be satisfied.

To hold that life ends when death comes to the body is to deny the law of compensation and the law of balance. These laws cannot be fulfilled without a belief in a future life. Our contention that justice ultimately will be done and that all wrongs will be righted falls meaningless if death ends all.

We see injustice all about us. Evil men are enthroned and men love darkness rather than light. The good and the inno-

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cent languish in prison and die without just rewards for their noble deeds. Evil doers oftentimes prosper without any obvious punishment. They have received their consolation. Honest individuals sometimes hunger without expectation of relief. Poverty and shame sometimes come to those who seem to least deserve it. Young men die in battle without having a chance to share the fruits of victory. Around the world little children die of neglect and starvation with no opportunity to grow to a productive maturity. Martyrs receive but persecution and death for championing a great cause without a knowledge of the ultimate triumph of their cause. Men are cast into concentration camps because they dare to speak or write the truth without assurance that the truth would eventually prevail. If death ends all, what compensation is there for all of these? These wrongs can only be righted in a future life. What reward is there for the martyred patriot or for the soldier of tender years who is cut down in battle if death ends all? Those who believe that justice will triumph and those who believe in an eternal balance know that life must go on. It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. It ends not. The hypothesis of immortality is the only explanation of man's troubles and the only solution to the mysteries of life.

An appreciation of nature teaches us that God, the creator, is the master architect, designer, builder, and artist. Man is His highest creation. Is it logical that God's rocks and waterfalls will last for ages but that His finest creation, man, should perish after threescore years and ten? Man, too, is a builder and an artist. Is it probable that man can build a cathedral that lasts for centuries but that man becomes nothing after a short span of life? The canvas that Raphael painted has endured for more than three centuries. Has God ordained that the canvas be preserved while the artist has fallen into dust?

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It indeed would be folly to contend that man's creation would last longer than God's finest creation.

The early men who roamed the earth and dwelt in caves, too, asked the question—If a man die shall he live again? They saw the plant life about them live and grow and die. They observed the short span of life for the animals. Death and disintegration seemed to be the order of things. As the early warrior fell to the earth the victim of either his enemy or of some mysterious malady, fear and doubt said to him—this is all; this is the end.

Early man had for his only answer to the meaning of death a hope, a longing and a thirst for life that he could not explain. As time went on wisdom and reason justified that hope. We, whose presence on this earth has been in the latter ages, have been blessed with a knowledge and a faith that have been revealed to man by God himself.

I would mention three pinnacles that stand out in the knowledge that has been imparted to man by God, and upon which our faith is built. About 25 or more centuries ago, Job pointed out the position of man and God when he uttered that profound inquiry, "What is man that Thou does magnify him?"

We are heirs to a faith that teaches that man is different from the trees and the animals that inhabit the jungles. Man is created in the image of God. The individual is of great value. He has a function to perform in the scheme of things. Man is a spiritual being and life eternal may be his. It is the gift of God.

About the time of Job the Psalmist reached another pinnacle in explaining the mysteries of life and death when he said:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me.

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The highest pinnacle of revelation of God's wonderful plans was proclaimed by Him who was heralded by a voice out of heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son." The Son of God said: "In my Father's house are many mansions." Before these revelations man could but hope—now he knew. Knowledge and assurances are the foundations of our faith. Our doctrines are not the precepts of men.

In every age doubts will arise, and man will be prone to ask, "How can these things be?" That question is answered by millions who live by faith. The man who perhaps possessed one of the most brilliant minds that ever took part in the deliberations of the House of Representatives and the Senate spoke out on this. As death was drawing near, Daniel Webster wrote:

Philosophical argument, especially that drawn from the vastness of the universe, in comparison with the apparent insignificance of the globe, has sometimes shaken my reason for the faith that is in me; but my heart has always assured and reassured me that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be Divine Reality. The Sermon on the Mount cannot be mere human production. This belief enters into the very depth of my conscience. The whole history of man proves it.

This is our Father's world. The sacred scriptures begin with the revelation of the truth that in the beginning God created heaven and earth and man. America's first charter of liberty, the Declaration of Independence, declares that we hold the truth to be self-evident that all men were created.

Man was created for a purpose. Man lives for a purpose. Those whose memory we revere today have but taken an advanced position in the infinite plan and purpose of God; unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

May I say that you here today are not alone. We walk by faith. More than 600,000,000 people around the world, in addition to the millions who have gone before, cling to a common creed that begins with the stirring words, I believe in

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God: That creed goes on enumerating the pillars of our belief. The climax of the creed is the best. The crescendo of this declaration of the faith of the millions is—I believe in the life everlasting.

Francis Stevens, musician, United States Navy, sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Frank Tiffany, musician first class, United States Navy.

The Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you the light of His countenance and give you peace.

Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 543, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 58 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 15, 1952, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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Remarks by Representative Graham

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I include the following article taken from the Daily Review, of Towanda, Pa., of August 8, 1951, concerning our late colleague, WILSON D. GILLETTE:

United States Representative WILSON DARWIN GILLETTE, 71, one of Bradford County's most distinguished citizens, died at his home on York Avenue, Towanda, at 7:50 o'clock Tuesday morning and out of respect for him the House in Washington adjourned for the day.

Mr. GILLETTE's death was announced in Congress by Representative Simpson, Republican, Pennsylvania, who described the Towandian as one of the most stalwart Pennsylvania Members of Congress.

Although ill for many months the Congressman had appeared to be gaining when he was stricken with bronchial pneumonia a week ago. His condition soon became critical.

Mr. GILLETTE, a former State Representative, had represented this area in Washington since 1941 when it was still the time-honored Fifteenth District made famous by David Wilmot and Galuska Grow. In later years it has been the Fourteenth District, which for one term even included Lycoming County with its city of Williamsport.

Mr. GILLETTE was born in Sheshequin Township, Bradford County, July 1, 1880, a son of Burton J. and Flavia (Crotsley) Gillette. He received his early education in the Ulster schools and later was graduated from the famed old Susquehanna Collegiate Institute in Towanda.

After leaving school he worked for his father on the home farm in Sheshequin for about 4 years. It was while he was still there that Mahlon C. Cranmer, a native of Burlington, went to Sheshequin on a lumber job and boarded at the Gillette home. Mahlon

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and WILSON became close friends and decided to try their luck together.

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Both accepted positions as clerks in Carner's general store in Athens where they were employed until 1908 when they decided to come to Towanda and go into the livery business. They opened an establishment on Bridge Street, continuing there for about 5 years. Then they decided that the automobile, not the horse, was the coming thing in transportation, so they opened a garage in the block at the northwest corner of Main and Elizabeth Streets. In 1913 they took over the Ford agency.

In 1914 the late James E. Meredith erected the stone block structure at the southeast corner of Main and Elizabeth Streets and the firm of Gillette & Cranmer moved in on a lease. In 1922 the business was incorporated under the name of Gillette & Co., and it continued as such until Mr. GILLETTE went to Congress and the business subsequently was sold to Shores & Schmieg, the present owners.

In 1930 Republican leaders of the county were looking for the strongest possible candidate for State representative and settled on Mr. GILLETTE because of his outstanding reputation as a man of high character and business acumen. That their judgment was good was shown by the great popular support he received not only in the election that year but also in five subsequent elections. He became, at Harrisburg, a member of the appropriations, highways, motor vehicles committees of the house and under the Republican administration was chairman of the all-important highways committee. Because of his long term of service at the State capital he was one of the most influential members of the lower house of the legislature in determining the policy of the Republican organization.

Consequently it was only natural when Col. A. G. Rutherford, of Honesdale, then representing the Fifteenth District in Congress, died in 1941, that Mr. GILLETTE should be considered the logical man to succeed him.

On August 27, 1941, conferees from the eight counties of the district met at Hotel Jermyn, Scranton, and unanimously chose the Towandian as the Republican nominee for Congress. In the November election he easily defeated District Attorney George O. Wagner, of Danville, the Democratic candidate, and has represented the "horseshoe" district continuously since that time.

He was sworn into office in Washington, December 4, and his first vote was cast in favor of the declaration of war against Japan on December 9.

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Five times he was reelected to Congress where he has served on a number of committees and for the last several years held an assignment to the important Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. As a member of that committee he made a trip a few years ago to England and Sweden to study the effects of socialized medicine.

Mr. GILLETTE was always a staunch Republican who could be depended upon to stick by the party through thick and thin. His loyalty never wavered and he made that quality count in getting results wanted by people of his home district.

Mr. GILLETTE was a member of Union Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M., Union Chapter No. 161, Royal Arch Masons; Northern Commandery, No. 16, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Mystic Shrine, Wilkes-Barre.

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For many years he has been one of the most prominent and faithful members of the Towanda Methodist Church. For years he served not only as a member of the official board but also as trustee and a member of the important pastoral relations committee.

He was one of the early members of Towanda Rotary Club and also was one of the early backers of the Towanda Chamber of Commerce when it was getting established.

On August 20, 1902, he married Miss Winifred Vought who survives him. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. William H. Ransom of Towanda; and three cousins, Mrs. Myra McClen of Towanda; Mrs. B. M. Ayers of Wilkes-Barre, and Mrs. Bert Johnson of Sayre.

The body will be taken to the Methodist Church Friday afternoon and will lie in state there from 1:30 to 2:45 o'clock. Funeral services will be held there at 3 o'clock with burial in Oak Hill cemetery where the Masons will have charge of the services at the grave.

PRAISED IN CONGRESS

In Congress yesterday, many joined in praise of Mr. GILLETTE following the announcement by Representative Simpson. Representative Graham, Republican, Pennsylvania, called him a "man of intense patriotism and strong spirit" while Representative Walter, Democrat, Pennsylvania, described him as a "great patriot and great public servant." Representative Gavin, Republican, Pennsylvania, said Mr. GILLETTE was strongly devoted to the interests of his people.

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Other tributes came from Representatives Van Zandt, Republican, Pennsylvania; Priest, Democrat, Tennessee; Dague, Republican, Pennsylvania; Hale, Republican, Maine; Brown, Republican, Ohio; Tackett, Democrat, Arkansas; Flood, Democrat, Pennsylvania; and Edwin Arthur Hall, Republican, New York.

Before adjourning the House out of respect to Mr. GILLETTE, Speaker Rayburn named the following 12 Members from Pennsylvania to represent the House at the funeral:

Representatives Walter, Democrat; Eberharter, Democrat; Simpson, Republican; Fenton, Republican-Labor; Graham, Republican; Kelley, Democrat; Gavin, Republican; McConnell, Republican; Morgan, Democrat; Dague, Republican; Flood, Democrat; and O'Neill, Democrat.

Remarks by Representative Sabath
Of Illinois

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker—

All things human are subject to decay,
And, when fate summons, monarchs must obey.

We meet today with true earnestness and unquestioned sincerity for the purpose of doing honor to a man, among others, whose reputation has been made, who has passed from this earth with a record made up, to which we cannot add one jot or tittle, the Honorable WILSON D. GILLETTE. Yet we can express our admiration for his virtues and our respect for his ability, and it is meet and proper that we should do so. That Nation which reveres the memory of its benefactors and statesmen; that Nation which holds high in its estimation the record of those men who have given their lives and the best ability with which they were blessed in its interests, cannot but prosper. The reason is very apparent, and it is the lives of these men that are a part of the written history of the Nation; and it is their impress upon history which must redound in future ages either to the credit or discredit of the Nation.

Farmer, civic worker, successful in private business, 10 years a Member of the House of Representatives from Pennsylvania, our departed friend had a very good training for his work in this House. He well knew the principles of sound government and their proper application in an era demanding the best of mind and heart. He aimed high; he strove for loftier and more wholesome things to make this country a progressively better place for willing men and women.

But his day of further announcement is passed. He is lost to the forum of public action and removed from the stage of living men. Eminent for his extraordinary ability and his

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long service in high public trust, and honored wherever known, the report of his death sounds a dirge beyond the confines of his enlightened Pennsylvania constituency. Surely Pennsylvania history will long treasure him and keep alive his memory.

In conclusion, let us realize our obligation to make safe and secure the government of the people which has been committed to our keeping. Let us remember that it can thrive and grow only in an atmosphere of popular devotion and unselfish attachment; and, above all else, let us remember the lessons and admonitions that flow from the useful life which we today memorialize.

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The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O Thou God of all majesty and holiness, grant that daily we may follow Thy way of life with faith and fidelity, with confidence and courage, and with an indomitable and conquering spirit.

We penitently confess that many things are happening in our time and generation which fill us with despondency and dismay, with sorrow and shame. There are days when it looks as if our guiding buoys have broken away from their mooring and the ship of state is drifting along carelessly and aimlessly.

Inspire us with a loftier sense of moral responsibility, and may we put forth a more heroic effort in behalf of a finer type of individual character and conduct and a nobler social order.

May the sacred principles of integrity and righteousness be incarnated and become regnant in all the areas of human life and activity.

We thank Thee for Thy servant who walked and worked with us and whose spirit now dwells with Thee in heavenly blessedness, forever with the Lord. Grant unto the members of his bereaved family the consolation of Thy grace.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Simpson].

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to inform the Members of the Eighty-second Congress of the death of our colleague, WILSON D. GILLETTE, of the Fourteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Mr.

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GILLETTE died this morning at his home in Towanda, Pa., after a long and trying illness.

Death came to WILSON GILLETTE not unexpectedly, for he knew of his serious ailment, yet death came only after all physical strength remaining in his frail body collapsed—although even to the end WILSON GILLETTE'S will to live and his determination to again take his seat in this Congress sustained him.

WILSON loved serving the people who trusted him in this body. He gave his life in his Nation's services—as many of us who observed him weaken physically day by day will witness.

He loved his country, "the American way of life," as he summed up our country's greatness. His legislative record and actions in Congress best expressed his belief that our founding fathers, in laying the foundations here for a free country and opportunity for all, builded well. By no act of WILSON GILLETTE would these foundations of truth and fact, on which we have built a good America, be disturbed—although he was ever ready to add new stories of greatness to the welfare of our people and the glory of our Nation.

WILSON GILLETTE was born July 1, 1880, in Bradford County, Pa., where he was educated and engaged in business until 1930, at which time he was elected to the house of representatives in Pennsylvania. He served there for 10 years, and was then elected to the Seventy-seventh Congress on November 4, 1941. He has served here continuously since that time.

Always active as a member of the Republican Party in Pennsylvania, WILSON GILLETTE brought with him to Washington sterling qualities which endeared him to his colleagues. He took an active and leading part in matters affecting our Pennsylvania Republican congressional delegation, and was always a stalwart in urging that our delegation position be a sound one. Members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation will miss WILSON'S wise counsel.

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I know I may express the sympathy of this body to Mrs. Gillette, whose untiring love and sacrifice strengthened and comforted our colleague as his life drew to a close. May she, his sister, and other loved ones have the comfort and strength of our Heavenly Father in their sorrow.

I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Graham].

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, for WILSON D. GILLETTE, the silver cord has loosened; the golden bowl is broken. The pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern. His spirit has returned to his Maker.

Back in 1941 WILSON GILLETTE stood in the well of this House and beside him stood our late colleague, James Wolfenden. The oath was administered to him and he came back and was seated among his Pennsylvanian brethren. There began a friendship with and knowledge of a good, sincere, and earnest man. It was my good fortune to sit beside WILSON GILLETTE for almost 10 years. In the intercommunication of spirit and knowledge that I gained of him, I learned of many things in his make-up. One was his deep spiritual nature. He was a sincere, earnest, Christian man. He loved his God, he believed in his Saviour, Jesus Christ; he loved his fellow man and was anxious and willing to serve and be spent in the service of others. He was a man of intense patriotism; in a frail, weak body there was embodied a strong spirit and a rugged courage. Few men had the courage that WILSON GILLETTE would display in time of crisis. He never wavered, and he never doubted, and often he said to me: "I prayed over this last night, and I have made up my mind, and I know the course I am going to follow"; and he did.

We who come from Pennsylvania have a very high regard for this Congress and for the office of the Speaker. Our first Speaker was Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, who brought from the old Provincial Council of Pennsylvania many of the customs, rules, and regulations that there obtained; and to this day we follow those and adhere to them. It was WILSON

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GILLETTE'S good privilege and pleasure to serve in the Pennsylvania Legislature for 10 years. There he became thoroughly imbued with the customs and regulations, so that coming here to Congress he simply transferred his duties and his obligations to a wider sphere of activity, and thus did he nobly carry on for the good of the Nation.

So now today as we mourn his departure, remembering that never again shall we look upon his presence and his physical figure as he recedes down the vista of time, he has left with us the sweet consciousness of a life well spent and of a duty well done. I believe that his creed would be embodied in these words of that beautiful hymn written by Howard Arnold Walter:

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that those words accurately and comprehensively describe the character and life accomplishment of WILSON D. GILLETTE.

To those of us who are left in the Pennsylvania delegation to carry on, we will be ever inspired by the beauty of his life, by his faithful devotion to duty, and his high conception of his great privilege of being an American citizen.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Walter].

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, the loss of a friend brings to us an appreciation of the valuelessness of worldly things. With the passing of WILSON GILLETTE, his friends—and they were legion—have lost a true friend.

Mr. GILLETTE was a kindly man who thought constantly in terms of the well-being of his fellow man and of the security of this beloved Republic; he was a very courageous man, strong in his beliefs. I am sure I speak the feelings of all the

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people in the eastern part of Pennsylvania when I say that we have lost a great patriot and a great public servant.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Gavin].

Mr. GAVIN. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep sorrow that I heard of the passing of my very good friend and colleague, WILSON GILLETTE. The State of Pennsylvania has lost one of its finest citizens and the Congress of the United States has lost an honest, conscientious, and loyal legislator.

He was a humble and kindly man and one whom you admired as a companion and a friend. He was always considerate of everybody and the kind of man who added much to our daily lives, with a kind word for everybody. It always pleased him immensely when any little words or deeds of his added to the happiness of any of us.

His work in the House of Representatives was useful and constructive, and his ambition was to preserve the principles and ideals of our great Nation.

His devotion to and love of country was something to be admired. He was earnest and sincere, and always ambitious to uphold and defend the fine traditions of our country. We are all mindful of the great service he rendered to his district, State, and Nation. He was devoted to the interest of the people he represented, and he served them well.

WILSON GILLETTE will be greatly missed both by his colleagues and by the people he represented, and it is with profound sadness we record his passing. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Van Zandt].

Mr. VAN ZANDT. Mr. Speaker, the announcement of the death of Representative WILSON D. GILLETTE is a source of deep sorrow to me for not only has the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress lost a valued Member, but in his passing I have lost a close friend.

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WILSON GILLETTE, through his many fine qualities, won the respect and admiration of those privileged to know him. I feel my life has been enriched because I knew him intimately and I treasure, as a precious memory, the mutual bond of friendship that existed from our early days as Members of the Congress of the United States.

All of us were aware that WILSON'S health was in jeopardy but we clung to the hope that he would recover from his illness and be able to join us again in our daily activities. But God, in His infinite wisdom, decreed otherwise and summoned him for the last roll call.

To Mrs. Gillette I extend sincere expressions of deepest sympathy and pray that God in His mercy and His love will continue to give her the necessary courage and strength to bear her great sorrow with true Christian fortitude and humble resignation to His divine will.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Priest].

Mr. PRIEST. Mr. Speaker, there are few, if any, occasions when we realize the limitation of language and the weakness of words more than those times when we feel very deeply the passing of a dear friend. Such an occasion is this.

WILSON GILLETTE was my very close personal friend. We came here in the Seventy-seventh Congress. He, the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Harris], and I, who later all served on the same committee together, had our offices closely adjacent to each other in the Old House Office Building, during that first term. There developed a friendship that I shall cherish throughout all of my life. In my first term I learned an important lesson from WILSON GILLETTE; it was the importance of approaching the discharge of responsibilities in this body with a calm, unhurried serenity. WILSON GILLETTE had his problems as all of us have ours. He did not, on any occasion, to use the ordinary term, get hot and bothered and disturbed and vexed over those problems. He approached them calmly, dispassionately, deliberately. He was a kind

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and gentle soul. He wrote his own eulogy, far better than I can write one for him, in gentle words, kind deeds, and noble actions. I am sure that all who knew him intimately feel very deeply the loss that is ours today, the loss that is the House of Representatives, the State of Pennsylvania, and our great Nation. I served with him on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce for quite a number of years, and I was always impressed with his devotion to the public welfare. I think consideration for the public welfare was a great part of his very being as a legislator.

In this hour of sorrow and grief I join with all of his colleagues and friends in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gillette and to all of the family, and to say to them in the words of a great hymn:

Abide with me. Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Dague].

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, the word of the passing our our beloved colleague, WILSON GILLETTE, must leave all of us with a sense of irreparable loss and the knowledge that this House has lost one of its most honorable Members. Certainly at a time like this we are brought face to face with the fragile texture of this mortal fabric and the realization that the only thing of stability is the memory in which these cherished friends live on through their good works and their ministrations to those whom they met along the way.

WILSON GILLETTE and I were close friends, a fact which was commented on by those who saw us at lunch together or walking back and forth between the office and the Capitol. Admittedly there was a disparity between our ages which would not normally invite the understanding and friendship which was ours but which probably stemmed from a common viewpoint that big government is usually bad government and

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must be resisted if our way of life is to survive. WILSON GILLETTE and I saw eye to eye on most legislative matters and I shall always be indebted to him for the sound counsel and advice which came to me from this humble man of simple ways who lived close to the plain folks and constantly championed their rights and philosophy.

We of the Pennsylvania delegation will miss WILSON GILLETTE and we shall mourn his departure from our midst as that of a trusted friend and counselor. And with our realization of the futility of words we shall be at a loss for the means to console his helpmate who will be left to mourn his going away and who, like all those of us who pause on this side of the river, must look for solace in the assurance that he left a host of friends to mourn with her and who with her await that reunion with those whom we have loved and lost for but awhile. May the Good Shepherd who knows and cares for all his flock keep her and strengthen her in this hour of trial and give her the courage and the faith needful for her journey along the darkened way which lies ahead.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maine [Mr. Hale].

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, during the Seventy-eighth Congress I had the honor to sit beside WILSON GILLETTE in the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. During the Eightieth and Eighty-first I sat beside him on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. His seat has been beside mine in the Eighty-second Congress but it has been empty. I suspected that he would never occupy it again; for in the last 2 years his health has been visibly and sadly failing. His was a sweet character and I shall miss him.

Even in the old days WILSON GILLETTE was a frail, quiet, unobtrusive man. I sometimes wondered how he had withstood the tough, hurly-burly of politics which marks the coming of all of us into this body. The voters of WILSON

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GILLETTE'S district had the discretion to discern that commotion does not make statesmen or even legislators. WILSON GILLETTE was a faithful, conscientious man. I do not believe that he was ever influenced by an illicit motive or had a low ambition. Kindliness and good conscience were his attributes and they served him well. I join with you all and with his widow and near relatives in lamenting his loss.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Denny].

Mr. DENNY. Mr. Speaker, WILSON D. GILLETTE, Member of Congress from the Fourteenth District of Pennsylvania, came from a beautiful little town in the northeastern part of the State. He was born on a farm in a neighboring county. He was a plain, straight-forward, able man who represented his district with careful judgment since his first election in 1941.

His death creates a vacancy in the Pennsylvania delegation in the House that will be hard to fill and we mourn him as a friend, a leader, and an American citizen of high character.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Brown].

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, when the news came this morning of the death of WILSON GILLETTE, it was a great shock to all of us. Although we had known that he had been ill and in poor health for some time, we had hoped, of course, that he would eventually recover and be back with us again.

WILSON GILLETTE was a kindly, unassuming, humble man. I had the privilege of knowing him very well, as we sat and served together for a number of years on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, where he was a most valued member.

WILSON GILLETTE was the soul of honor. He was a man of great integrity. Quite in manner, he was a man of strong convictions and of great character. He fought fearlessly and

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courageously for those principles in which he believed. He followed his God faithfully in his daily life.

The world is better for WILSON GILLETTE having lived. He has left to all of us here many beautiful memories, and to his family the priceless heritage of a good name.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Harris].

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound sorrow that I learned this morning of the passing of our dear friend WILSON GILLETTE. Another great soul has been committed to his God.

WILSON GILLETTE and I came to Congress in 1941. As has been said by the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Priest], his office and mine were just across the hall in the Old House Office Building. We had very close associations during the 10 years we have been honored to serve in this outstanding body. It was my privilege to know him not only as a neighbor but to have served on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce with him over the past 8 years. I, therefore, had occasion to observe and know WILSON GILLETTE. Not only has the State of Pennsylvania lost a most outstanding citizen, but the United States of America has lost one of its most valuable servants and citizens.

He was a kindly individual, with as fine disposition of anyone I ever knew. In the years that I have had the privilege of association with him I never heard him on any occasion speak unkindly of anyone. We never heard him make an expression of ill will toward any person. I never observed any action on his part that would reflect anything but the highest degree of credit to his fellow men. He was a great character, studious, courageous, a man who was unafraid. When he believed in something and believed he was right, he did not hesitate to take a stand. Even if he were alone he showed a disposition that he was unafraid. As he goes to the great beyond, I know he has left us unafraid. We will ever revere

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his memory. We can ill afford to lose good stalwart Christian servants like WILSON GILLETTE. To his lonely wife, family, and loved ones I join with the Pennsylvania delegation in expressing my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Arends].

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, one of the really fine and rare privileges that comes to a Member of the Congress is the opportunity afforded by our service here to meet and associate with men of outstanding character. Such a man was WILSON GILLETTE, for whom I hold the deepest affection. During these last 10 years of service here, it was my privilege to come rather close to him and know him rather well. He was quiet, soft-spoken, and unassuming. He has been a loyal friend. He has been a patriotic, good American, motivated by only one purpose, one intent, and one objective: to serve his people and his country as best he knew how.

WILSON GILLETTE was a fine, Christian gentleman. He always had a kind word for everyone. He really loved his fellow men. I am proud to say he was my good friend. With the Pennsylvania delegation and with the Members on both sides of the aisle, I join in extending to his family my sincere sympathy in this hour of bereavement. WILSON GILLETTE was a great American. We shall sorely miss him.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Edwin Arthur Hall].

Mr. EDWIN ARTHUR HALL. Mr. Speaker, I doubt that there was a man in the House of Representatives who knew WILSON GILLETTE any better than I did. We had a great deal in common, because the New York-Pennsylvania boundary line ran along many miles of each of our districts. Many of my constituents came over into Susquehanna County, Pa., one of the counties that Mr. GILLETTE represented so ably. Because of this fact, we found ourselves forever communing with each other regarding individuals and fellow-Americans.

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I doubt that there is a Member of Congress who ever served with any greater decorum, any finer behavior, and with greater distinction than did WILSON GILLETTE. His speeches on the floor were few, but his acts were many. As one who has spent many years in his district in the past, I know that WILSON GILLETTE was greatly respected by the people he represented. The long affection which the people of Bradford County, his home county in Pennsylvania, held for him, as well as the people in all the other counties of his congressional district, is sufficient testimony of the gentility and the great ability of this splendid American who has represented northern Pennsylvania so many years in the Congress.

In the words of Shakespeare in Julius Caesar, "his life was gentle, the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man'."

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Flood].

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is only within the last few minutes that I heard the tragic and sad news of the passing of my neighbor in Pennsylvania, an old, old friend of mine since I was a boy in school.

This morning I was visiting two boys from my district who have returned wounded from Korea to Walter Reed Hospital. It is only a few minutes ago that I was coming up Pennsylvania Avenue in a cab, and as I approached Capitol Hill, over the Senate Office Building I saw the flag, the flag of our country, at half mast. I said to the cab driver, "I wonder who it is this time." It was the elevator boy who told me it was WILSON GILLETTE.

Congressman GILLETTE represented a great district, the old horseshoe district, in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania. It is a great agricultural district. Almost always, Mr. Speaker, you think of Pennsylvania as coal, steel, great cities, but we would have you know that we are one of the great agricultural

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States of this great agricultural Nation. WILSON GILLETTE came from the very center of one of those rich rural areas.

In these days when we speak of strange characters masquerading as Americans, when we speak of odd philosophies and foreign ideas, I am sure every man in this House who passed up that center aisle as we went through teller votes, can see sitting back there with two or three of his colleagues, this gracious, mild, easy-smiling, nice old man, a true American.

As a young lawyer, upon occasion I tried cases in the adjoining counties, and in his county of Bradford in the city of Towanda, he had frequently years ago been my host.

It is my belief, and I think I voice the feelings of his colleagues and mine, Mr. Speaker, that WILSON GILLETTE typified in his appearance, his manner, the way he served with us here, just about as close to what we think of as a 100 per cent American as it is possible for anybody to be. I join with the delegation from the great Keystone State where he served in Harrisburg, our State capital, as a member of the legislature for 10 years, a great American, as has been said by so many here, a great Pennsylvanian—that means something to us; and as sure as his wife and his sister hear your words today so do all of us his friends and neighbors from way back in his own section of the country thank you and say we understand and appreciate your sorrows, your feelings, and your sentiments.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may extend their remarks at this point in the Record and may have 5 days in which to extend their remarks on the life and character of the late Honorable WILSON D. GILLETTE.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

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Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grieved over the death of my dear personal friend, Hon. WILSON D. GILLETTE, of Pennsylvania. Few men have shown more unswerving courage and determination in the face of failing health to fully, faithfully, and efficiently discharge official duties than has our beloved colleague. In his passing I have lost a friend, the Congress an able legislator, and the great Keystone State a loyal public servant. The people of the Nation can ill afford in these critical times to spare the services of so able a Member of the House of Representatives.

I extend to his wife, relatives, and friends my sincere sympathy.

Mr. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, it was only a few moments ago that I learned of the death of my very good friend, WILSON D. GILLETTE, who since 1941, when elected to the Seventy-seventh Congress at a special election held November 4, 1941, served in the United States House of Representatives. In fact, he represented part of the district which I now represent and made many loyal friends in these counties. Prior to his service in the United States Congress, as one of our State house of representatives, I met him and learned to know him and to appreciate his sterling qualities. WILSON was devoted to his community, district, State, and Nation. He liked to be of service to his fellow man and gave to him and his problems his individual and sympathetic attention. He represented a true agricultural district and was ever ready to assist the farmer with his particular problem. He was a quiet, unassuming man, unexcitable; always thoughtful and considerate and his thoughts and convictions were deep and abiding. We shall miss him in the Halls of Congress, where we have held him in such high esteem, and he will be missed by his constituents, who looked to him for representation in the truly American way. WILSON always upheld the principles of the Republican Party. If there ever was a man who earned his reward for good and faithful stewardship, not only to his God, but his district, State, and Nation, it is our dearly departed

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friend. I join my colleagues in expressing my sympathy to his loved ones.

Mr. BECKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep sadness in the passing of our beloved colleague, Hon. WILSON GILLETTE. Representative GILLETTE for many years was one of the outstanding members of our committee, the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Although by nature retiring and modest, WILSON rendered very valuable service to his country as a member of our committee. He was absolutely fearless. He knew his own mind. No person ever doubted what his position was on any issue.

It was my privilege to be with Mr. GILLETTE on a number of committee trips. Traveling with a person enables one to understand the true qualities of that person. Mr. GILLETTE was kind, considerate, and warm hearted. He loved his family, his neighbors, and the people of his district and his Nation. He had devoted his entire life endeavoring to help those about him. His public service was actuated by the highest motives and ideals. To Mrs. Gillette and the relatives of WILSON I extend my sincerest sympathy. We all shall miss him and the worth-while service he rendered as a public servant.

Mr. FENTON. Mr. Speaker, the death of WILSON D. GILLETTE will not only be keenly felt by all his colleagues from Pennsylvania but by every Member of this House who held him in such high regard because of his fine character and his desire to help anyone at all times. He, it can be truly said, was a real and sincere friend.

Congressman GILLETTE's service to his own constituency will be sadly missed by countless friends and associates in all walks of life. In the Congress he carried out his duties in a manner that reflected so well on his good judgment and integrity, as well as his keen desire to legislate intelligently in the interests of his own district and the America he loved so well. He has left a fine record in the legislative halls at Harrisburg and Washington.

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WILSON GILLETTE'S memory will live long in the hearts of his fellow man whom he so faithfully served.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grieved upon the occasion of the death of my close personal friend and colleague, WILSON D. GILLETTE, Bradford, Pa., who has represented the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Congressional District.

I entered the house at the State capitol in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1928 and in 1930 was joined in that membership by my friend from his district, which is close to my old district, and acquired and proudly held his close companionship for 10 years thereat.

In that 10 years I worked with him on the appropriations committee, the highway and ways and means committees, as well as in many other commissions and functions pertinent to such legislative work. I thus knew him intimately, and it seems with each new meeting my liking for him increased, and my desire to be with him.

His work at Harrisburg was active, honorable, and dignified; and his representation of his district was carefully well done. He performed a sound service to his State.

Thereafter, my friend was elected to represent the "horse-shoe" district of Pennsylvania in the National Congress; that district consists of eight counties covering a very large territory, which required hard, active work and tested his ability to shoulder a heavy burden of work. He accomplished the task with efficiency, and in the performance of such arduous duties, his dignified, kindly intelligence was always present.

The burden of that responsibility took its toll and our colleague suffered from it; yet fought along to the very end to perform his public duty well. Now my friend is gone and I shall certainly miss him. I have suffered a great loss, and I am sure this Congress will conclude it too has a real loss.

My deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

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Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, notice of the death of our friend and colleague, WILSON D. GILLETTE, has come to us with distressing, though not unexpected, suddenness.

Those of us who found pleasure and inspiration in our close companionship with him, have for many long months continued to hope, but with little confidence, that he might be restored to health, and again take his always-reserved place among us.

It was my great privilege to serve with WILSON GILLETTE in the house of representatives of our State of Pennsylvania. When I first joined that body, I had the good fortune to be assigned the seat directly behind him. Already a veteran of five terms in the house, and one of its ablest and most highly esteemed members, he gave me his friendship and the advantages of his wise counsel. I shall never forget, nor cease to be grateful, for both.

A quiet, thoughtful man, his opinions were always highly respected; generous and tolerant, he never was critical of opposing views. Honest, sincere, and loyal to high principles, he won and held the admiration of all his colleagues and associates.

A strong champion of the promotion of good roads, WILSON GILLETTE literally grew up with Pennsylvania's world-famed highway system. From the very beginning of his outstanding service to our State, he contributed greatly to the development of that system, as a member of the Committee on Highways, of which committee he became the distinguished chairman.

In the passing of WILSON GILLETTE, a loyal son of Pennsylvania, a great and true American has been called from labor to glorious rest. I join with my colleagues in the hope that happy memories of the past may comfort and console his wife and family in this time of their bereavement, and in the days to come.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. Speaker, "Congressman GILLETTE died this morning!" Thus was the information telephoned

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to me at my home. Although his poor health was known to all of us in the Pennsylvania delegation, it was a shock to learn that news. There is a finality in the word "death," which no amount of expectation seems to prepare one to hear. Especially is this true when a friend passes away.

I had known WILSON GILLETTE for more than 7 years. During that time my regard for and appreciation of his fine character increased greatly. Quietness, steadiness, humility, and loyalty were the qualities his colleagues learned to appreciate in him. We, in Congress, by constant association are gradually able to evaluate the worth of one another.

Representative GILLETTE's love of country and all that that means was an integral part of his being. Conservative by nature, he thought that the solid accomplishments of America developed from certain fundamental beliefs and actions which must be adhered to at all costs. He never hesitated to cast his vote with that concept in mind, even if it might seem politically advantageous to follow another course. Expediency had no place in his philosophy.

He was a loyal member of the Republican Party, with an implicit faith in its principles. He believed in the two-party system of government, and while gracious to members of the opposite party, he remained steadfast throughout his life to the party of his choice.

His actions, which spoke louder than words, gave ample and tangible proof of his stanch love of God, and his adherence to the Christian teachings. That he was sorely upset at times by events in the world none could deny. The evidence of that could be seen in the etched lines in his face. It was a tribute to his faith that despite outside circumstances he maintained a quiet calmness which indicated so clearly the peace in his soul.

WILSON GILLETTE will be sorely missed by those who were near and dear to him. Mrs. Gillette has my sincere sympathy. I hope earnestly and prayerfully that lovely and

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tender memories, and a deep abiding faith in the wisdom of the Almighty, will sustain and comfort her.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to express my sadness in the passing of our colleague, Hon. WILSON D. GILLETTE, of Towanda, Pa., who represented the Fourteenth Congressional District of his State.

While Congressman GILLETTE had been in ill health for some time, we all had high hopes that he was on the road to recovery and would return to his legislative duties here in Washington.

He was a quiet, unassuming gentleman and a stanch and patriotic American who enjoyed the high esteem and respect of his colleagues in this body and the people he so ably represented. We shall miss him in the House of Representatives, and I extend my sincere sympathy to his wife and relatives in their sad hour of bereavement.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution (H. Res. 369).

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. WILSON D. GILLETTE, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members of the House: Messrs. Walter, Eberharter, Simpson of Pennsylvania, Fenton,

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Graham, Kelley of Pennsylvania, Gavin, McConnell, Morgan, Dague, Flood, and O'Neill.

The Clerk will report the further resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 49 minutes p. m.), the House, under its previous order, adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, August 8, 1951, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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THURSDAY, August 9, 1951.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Maurer, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. WILSON D. GILLETTE, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate resolutions from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,

August 7, 1951.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. WILSON D. GILLETTE, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. WHERRY. Mr. President, on behalf of the Senators from Pennsylvania [Mr. Martin and Mr. Duff], I send to the desk a resolution which I ask to have read and immediately considered.

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The resolution (S. Res. 188) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILSON D. GILLETTE, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. As the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Representative GILLETTE, the Chair appoints the senior Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. Martin] and the junior Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. Duff].

Mr. WHERRY. Mr. President, in keeping with the resolution which has been adopted by the Senate, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate do now stand in recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 44 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Friday, August 10, 1951, at 12 o'clock meridian.

MONDAY, August 13, 1951.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. President, I desire to express my appreciation of the distinguished minority leader for his action last Thursday in presenting, in the necessary absence of the junior Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. Duff] and myself, the resolution expressing the sorrow of the Senate over the death of Representative WILSON D. GILLETTE, who represented the Fourteenth District of Pennsylvania.

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The passing of WILSON GILLETTE brings to me a profound sense of personal loss. He was my fine and loyal friend for many years. He served the people of his district with honor and distinction in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania for 10 years prior to his election to the Seventy-seventh Congress in 1941. He served in each succeeding Congress since that time.

Representative GILLETTE was a courageous and patriotic American. He served his State and Nation with complete fidelity to the highest principles of true Americanism. He was a tireless worker on behalf of his constituents.

He was a kindly, modest man, but was outstanding in integrity, sincerity, and devotion to the public welfare. He will be greatly missed by the people of his district and by his colleagues in the Pennsylvania delegation whom I join in deepest sympathy to his wife and family in their hour of bereavement.



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